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A group of Occupy D.C. protesters on Sunday defy orders from U.S. Park Police to leave a wooden structure they built without a permit at their encampment in McPherson Square.

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CRIME BUSTS

'Pull Any Funny Business And the Phone Gets Wiped'

A woman suspected of trying to get the owner of a missing iPhone to pay her to return it is being held on a felony charge of theft by extortion. The phone's owner contacted police in Meridian, Idaho, Thursday to report he lost his iPhone and that his wife was receiving texts from someone who said she would return the phone for \$100. Police helped the couple schedule a meeting in a city park, where the woman was arrested. (AP)

COURT CASES

'The Defendant Would Like S'more Leniency, Your Honor'

An Auburn, N.Y., man faces prison time after admitting he threw flaming marshmallows at his neighbor's house. John Munger, 18, flung the treats at a gas meter on the side of the home. Although the meter wasn't seriously damaged, Munger admitted that it could have been. He noted that he was drunk at the time. (AP)

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'Would You Like Jail Time With That? I Mean, Fries?'

A man was arrested after jokingly trying to buy drugs at a Deltona, Fla., Burger King drive-through window. Shawn Porter and a friend placed an order for "blunt and some herbs" Thursday. A cashier smelled marijuana coming from their car and jotted down the license plate number. Police found 28 grams of pot in the vehicle. (AP)

The Big Picture



THE REAL MISS PIGGY WOULD NEVER DO THAT: A woman disguised as Miss Piggy takes a mud bath in front of the House of Representatives in The Hague on Thursday during a protest with the Dutch environmental organization Milieudefensie against the expansion of livestock farming. (GETTY)

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WEEK**Blagojevich Sentencing**

Former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich will receive sentencing for his 18 convictions, including trying to auction off the Senate seat Barack Obama vacated to become president.

GOP Debate To Hit Iowa

ABC News, the Republican Party of Iowa and the Des Moines Register will host a GOP debate Saturday at Drake University. It's the second-to-last debate before Iowa's caucuses Jan. 3.

Congo's New President

Citizens of Congo will hear the results Tuesday of the nation's contested presidential election. Early results show President Joseph Kabila leading with 4.94 million votes.

**Courting Cain's Supporters****Washington**

A day after Herman Cain shuttered his Republican candidacy for president, struggling GOP hopefuls looked to pick up the fallen candidate's tea party following and upset a primary dynamic that has pushed Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich to the forefront.

Reps. Ron Paul of Texas and Michele Bachmann of Minnesota said Sunday they expected Cain supporters would fall in line behind them because of their messages on limited government, despite their low standing in the polls. Mean-

while, last-place rival Rick Santorum predicted he now had a good chance of winning the Iowa caucus.

While such brazen predictions are likely overstated, the eleventh-hour press comes at a crucial time and could upset an already volatile race for the GOP endorsement. A month before the first vote is cast in the Iowa caucus and five weeks before the New Hampshire primary, most GOP candidates were looking to a week of heavy campaigning in Iowa ahead of the next debate, scheduled for Saturday. The stakes are possibly the highest for Mitt Romney, who could be hurt the worst if Cain supporters rally behind Gingrich.

"A lot of Herman Cain supporters have been calling our office and they've been coming over to our side," said Bachmann.

**Newt's Boost**

Newt Gingrich has so far been the biggest beneficiary of Herman Cain's slide. A Des Moines Register poll released Saturday found Gingrich leading the GOP field with 25 percent support, ahead of Paul at 18 percent and Romney at 16 percent. (AP)

Romney Stays the Course

Mitt Romney is running strong in New Hampshire, which holds the nation's first primary on Jan. 10. Romney is also seen by most conservatives at this point as having the greatest chance of defeating President Obama next year. But Romney continues to be viewed with suspicion by many conservatives who say he has changed his stance on such critical issues as abortion and health care. Rick Santorum acknowledged Sunday that Romney has embraced more conservative positions on issues. "The question is, you know, what's the sincerity of the move and whether he can be trusted," Santorum said. (AP)

"They saw Herman Cain as an outsider, and I think they see that my voice would be the one that would be most reflective of his."

Likewise, Paul said he was optimistic that Cain's departure would reinvigorate his campaign. "We're paying a lot of attention to that, because, obviously, they're going to go somewhere in the next week or so," Paul said of Cain's supporters.

Santorum predicted that his campaign would pick up steam in the coming days.

"We have a very strong, consistent conservative message that matches up better with Iowans than anybody else. And we think we're going to surprise a lot of people," he said.

Once surging in the polls, Cain dropped out of the race Saturday after battling allegations of sexual harassment and a claim that he had a 13-year extramarital affair. Cain has denied the accusations. ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)

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First-Class Mail Delivery to Slow

Financially strapped Postal Service plans \$3B in service cuts

Washington

Facing bankruptcy, the U.S. Postal Service is pushing ahead with unprecedented cuts to first-class mail next spring that will slow delivery and, for the first time in 40 years, eliminate the chance for stamped letters to arrive the next day.

The estimated \$3 billion in reductions, to be announced in broader detail on Monday, are part of a wide-ranging effort by the cash-strapped Postal Service to quickly trim costs, seeing no immediate help from Congress.

The changes would provide short-term relief but ultimately could prove counterproductive, pushing more of America's business onto the Internet. They could slow mail including check

Consolidations

Centers to Close

The Postal Service cuts would close roughly 250 of the nearly 500 mail processing centers across the country as early as next March. This is in addition to the planned closing of about 3,700 local post offices. In all, roughly 100,000 employees could be cut as a result of the various closures, resulting in savings of up to \$6.5 billion a year. (AP)

payments and Netflix's DVDs by mail; add costs to mail-order prescription drugs; and threaten the existence of newspapers and time-sensitive magazines delivered by postal carrier to far-flung suburban and rural communities.

"It's a potentially major change, but I don't think consumers are focused on it and it won't register until the service goes away," said Jim Corridore, analyst with S&P

Capital IQ, who tracks the shipping industry.

Currently, first-class mail is supposed to be delivered within the continental U.S. in one to three days. That will lengthen to two to three days. Periodicals could take between two days and nine days.

The Postal Service, an independent agency of the government, does not receive tax money but is subject to congressional control on large aspects of its operations.

After five years in the red, the Postal Service faces imminent default this month on a \$5.5 billion annual payment to the Treasury for retiree health benefits. It is projected to have a record loss of \$14.1 billion next year amid steady declines in first-class mail volume. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe has said the agency must make cuts of \$20 billion by 2015 to be profitable.

"We have a business model that is failing. You can't continue to run red ink and not make changes," Donahoe said. HOPE YEN (AP)



SEXTING

Parents Relieved

Teen sexting may be far less common than people think, new research suggests. Only 1 percent of kids ages 10 to 17 have shared images of themselves or others that involve explicit nudity, a nationally representative study found. Roughly the same number said they'd shared suggestive but less graphic photos, while 7 percent said they'd received either type of picture. (AP)

U.S.: Bluefin Tuna OK After Oil Spill

Washington

Last year's BP oil spill probably won't push the troubled bluefin tuna population in the Gulf of Mexico over the edge as some scientists had worried, a federal analysis shows.

Of all the potential damage from the 172-million-gallon spill in April 2010, scientists had been most concerned about how the oil spill would harm an already overfished species of large tuna. That's because about one-fifth of the spawning habitat where the Gulf's baby tuna were living was coated with oil, according to satellite records. Tuna less than a year old are most vulnerable to pollution.

An analysis by the National Oce-

4%

The expected reduction in the future spawning of bluefin tuna, according to an analysis by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (AP)

anic and Atmospheric Administration says that at most, such a spill probably would result in a 4 percent reduction in future spawning of the fish, but probably far less.

Bluefish tuna is considered one of the Gulf's signature species. A summit that begins Monday in Houston will examine the Gulf's health, including the government's restoration plans and the tuna's fate. SETH BORENSTEIN (AP)

\$1M The amount a trio of Connecticut money managers who split a \$254 million Powerball jackpot said Sunday they're giving to five organizations that support veterans and military members who recently returned from deployments. (AP)

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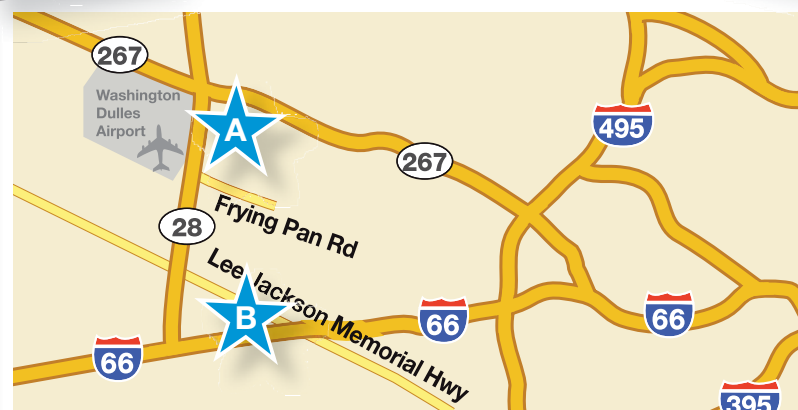
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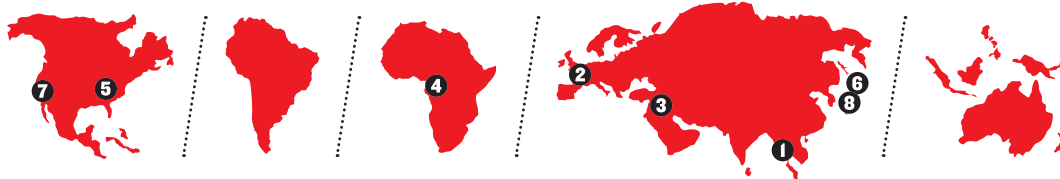
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Weekend Review



1 YANGON, MYANMAR

Myanmar Approves Law OK'ing Peaceful Protests

Myanmar on Friday approved a law allowing citizens to request permission to stage peaceful protests for the first time, state media reported Saturday. President Thein Sein signed the legislation as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton ended a historic visit to the long-isolated nation. (AP)

2 PARIS

France Scales Back Embassy Staff in Iran

France is downsizing its embassy in Iran, a French official said Saturday. The move is the latest fallout from Tuesday's mob attack on the U.K. Embassy in Tehran. On Saturday, the Iranian diplomats expelled from London arrived home, the official IRNA news agency reported. (AP)

3 BAGHDAD

U.S. Turns Camp Victory Over to Iraqi Control

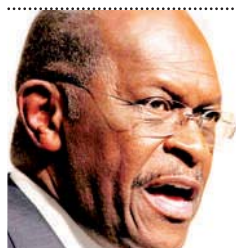
The U.S. military transferred control of its headquarters outside Baghdad to the Iraqi government Friday, a deeply symbolic moment that launched the final month of a nearly decade-long U.S. presence. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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4 Congo Waits for Vote Tally

An election worker sits on a bag of ballots in a warehouse in Kinshasa, Congo, on Saturday, as efforts to count last week's presidential votes continue. Results are expected Tuesday. International observers noted irregularities including possible instances of fraud, but most said the shortcomings seemed to be due to technical glitches.



5 "I am at peace with my God. I am at peace with my wife. And she is at peace with me."

— HERMAN CAIN, ANNOUNCING ON SATURDAY THAT HE WAS SUSPENDING HIS BID FOR THE GOP PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION AMID A WAVE OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS. HE CONDEMNED THE CLAIMS AS "FALSE AND UNPROVEN" BUT SAID THEY HAD HURT HIS FAMILY, PARTICULARLY HIS WIFE, GLORIA.

6 TOKYO

Support for PM Wanes

Public support for Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda and his Cabinet fell 2.5 percentage points over the past month, as the administration's numbers decline since Noda took office in September, a poll released Sunday shows. Japan's prime ministers typically begin with robust ratings, only to see them drop after a honeymoon period. (AP)

7 TEMPLE CITY, CALIF.



Residents survey damage Friday from California's fiercest Santa Ana winds in years, which gusted up to 100 mph.

8 TOKYO

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The number of vehicles Honda is recalling due to concerns that air bags may inflate with too much pressure and cause injuries in a crash, the automaker said Friday. The recall spans 273,000 vehicles in the U.S. from '01 and '02. (AP)



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World

Election Hints at Frustration With Putin

Support in Russia for leader's party is waning, vote shows

Moscow

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's party was struggling to reach 50 percent in Russia's parliamentary election, polls and official results showed Sunday, suggesting Russians were wearying of the man who has dominated Russian politics for more than a decade.

Rival parties and vote overseers said even this figure was inflated, alleging ballot-stuffing and other

violations, including pressuring election monitors, at the polls. Many expressed fears that the vote count would be manipulated.

Putin wanted to see his United Russia party do well in the election as a sign of public support for his return to the presidency in a vote three months away — one that he is still expected to win easily.

Putting a positive spin on the disappointing returns, Putin said, "We can ensure the stable development of the country with this result," but he appeared glum and limited his remarks.

Putin has systematically destroyed any potential challeng-



Prime Minister Vladimir Putin is campaigning to reclaim Russia's presidency, which he held from 2000 to 2008.

ers, and most Russians do not see any credible alternatives, despite growing dissatisfaction with his strongman style, pervasive official corruption and the wealth gap.

United Russia held a two-thirds majority in the outgoing State Duma, which allowed it to change the constitution unchallenged. But it is increasingly dis-



OLGA MALTSEVA/PIGETTY IMAGES

A woman casts her parliamentary ballot in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Sunday.

liked, seen as representing a corrupt bureaucracy.

The Communist Party appeared to be gaining, with exit polls and early returns predicting it would get nearly 20 percent, up from less than 12 percent four years ago.

The first official results with more than 25 percent of the vote counted showed about 47 percent for United Russia, compared to 64 percent in 2007.

Only seven parties were allowed to field candidates for parliament this year, while the most vocal opposition groups have been denied registration and barred from campaigning. LYNN BERRY (AP)

In Brief

CAIRO

Results Show Egypt Vote Dominated by Islamists

Islamist parties captured an overwhelming majority of votes in the first round of Egypt's parliamentary elections, setting up a power struggle with the weaker liberals behind Hosni Mubarak's ouster in February. With nearly a quarter of the ballots, the Muslim Brotherhood led the Islamists, according to results released Sunday. (AP)

BEIRUT

Deal Possible to Allow Observers in, Syria Says

Syria said Sunday it is negotiating with the Arab League over the bloc's request to send observers into the country, as sanctions fail to halt an eight-month crackdown on protests. Violence killed nine people Sunday, activists said. (AP)

SAN'A, YEMEN

Activists: Clashes Kill 28

Clashes between the Yemeni army and tribal fighters in Taiz killed at least 28 people over the past three days, activists said Sunday, despite a power transfer deal signed last month by President Ali Abdullah Saleh. (AP)

Police in Kashmir Crack Down on Muslims



MUKHTAR KHAN/AP

PEOPLE FLEE AS POLICE FIRE WATER CANNONS to break up Shiite Muslim religious processions held Sunday in defiance of a strict curfew in the main Indian-controlled city of the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, police said. At least 70 people were detained, though no injuries were reported.

U.S. Drone Shot Down, Iranian Military Claims

Tehran

Iran's armed forces have shot down an unmanned U.S. spy plane that violated Iranian airspace along the country's eastern border, the official IRNA news agency reported Sunday.

An unidentified military official quoted in the report warned of a strong and crushing response to any violations of the country's airspace by U.S. drone aircraft.

The U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan said in a statement that the aircraft may be an American drone that its operators lost contact with last week while it was flying a mission over neighboring western Afghanistan.

A U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the U.S. had "absolutely no indication" that the drone was shot down.

Iran is locked in a deepening dispute with the U.S. and its

Meanwhile ...

Iran's claims of shooting down a U.S. spy drone on Sunday come after a week of heightened tensions between Iran and the West after Iranian hard-liners stormed the British Embassy compound Tuesday. Britain pulled its diplomatic staff from the Islamic republic after the attack and ordered Iran's diplomats to leave London. German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said Sunday that Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi said he "was deeply sorry" about the attack on Britain's embassy. (THE WASHINGTON POST/AP)

allies over Tehran's nuclear program, which the West believes is aimed at developing nuclear weapons. Iran continues to deny the accusations, saying that its nuclear program is entirely peaceful.

ALI AKBAR DAREINI (AP)



Floating With Disaster: Experts successfully defused a massive British World War II-era bomb embedded in the Rhine River that triggered the evacuation of about half of the 107,000 residents of Germany's western city of Koblenz, authorities said Sunday. The 1.8-ton British bomb and a 275-pound U.S. bomb had been discovered last month after the Rhine River's water level fell significantly due to a prolonged lack of rain, officials said. (AP)

World

Italy Broadens Austerity Efforts

Coalition approves measures as Europe looks to save euro

Rome

Premier Mario Monti said Sunday his government of technocrats has approved a package of austerity and growth measures worth \$40.5 billion to "reawaken" the Italian economy and help save the euro common currency from collapse.

The measures include immediate cuts to the costs of maintaining Italy's bulky political class and significant measures to fight tax evasion, Monti said.

As part of the political cost cuts, Monti said he would forego his salaries as premier and finance minister — a move he said was a personal decision and not meant as an example for other ministers in

Meanwhile ...

Europe's debt crisis is entering a pivotal week, as leaders across the continent converge to prevent a collapse of the euro and a global financial panic. Expectations are rising that Friday's summit of leaders of the 27 EU countries will yield a breakthrough. The coming days "will decide if the euro will survive or not," Emma Marcegaglia, the head of Italy's industrial lobby, Confindustria, said Sunday. French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel will meet Monday in Paris to unveil a proposal for closer political and economic ties between the 17 euro countries. (AP)

the government, which was formed last month after Silvio Berlusconi resigned.

The package also includes measures to spur growth and competition, while aiming to stamp out rampant nepotism. But it also raises the retirement age and the number of years of service to qualify for a full pension — steps strongly opposed by unions — and imposes new taxes on Italians' private wealth, including their homes, boats and luxury

cars, measures that conservatives have protested.

"We gave a lot of weight to fairness, we had to distribute some of the sacrifices but we took a lot of care to distribute them in a fair way," Monti said.

Monti will outline the measures on Monday in addresses to both houses of Parliament, which must approve them. Monti said he will appeal to lawmakers' sense of responsibility. COLLEEN BARRY (AP)



Charging Forward in France: Paris on Monday is launching an electric car-sharing program to cut air and noise pollution. Officials want 'Autolib', a project built on the success of the city's bike-rental program, to be as much a part of Paris life as the Eiffel Tower. Paris said its program is the biggest of its kind: Two hundred fifty vehicles hit the road on Monday, 2,000 are expected by next summer, and 3,000 are planned within the next two years. (AP)

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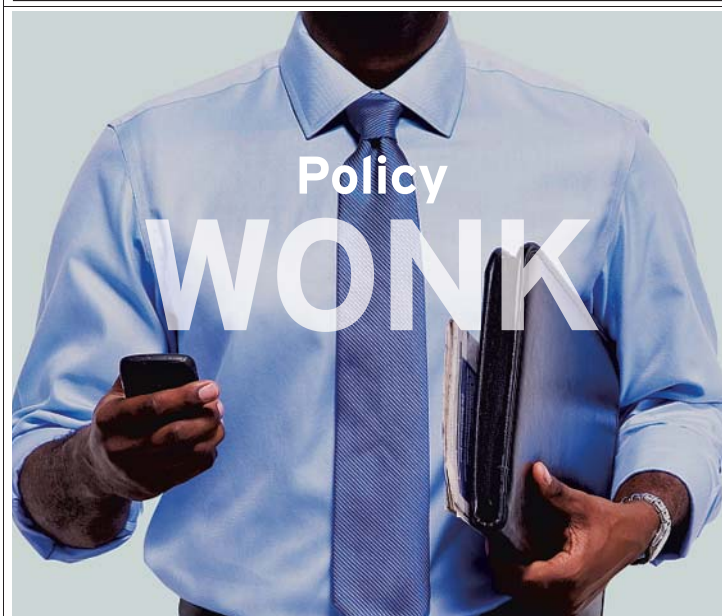
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Metro Unveils Snow Plan

Transit agency wants to provide 'predictable' service during storms

Washington

Metro has bought more equipment to remove snow and has a new "severe winter weather plan" that would alter service as conditions worsen.

Transit agency officials stressed that the new plan is only a guide, but they want to provide passengers "predictable service levels based on weather conditions."

Metro plans to try to maintain normal service on its buses and trains when up to 1 inch of snow falls, but service levels could change as conditions worsen, with altered bus routes and extended wait times.

In a press release, Metro General Manager Richard Sarles said, "Metro provides the region with essential service during winter weather, but it is important for customers and stakeholders to understand our limitations and the effects that weather can have on service."

Generally, Metro shuts down service at aboveground rail stations once snow totals reach more than 8 inches and covers the third rail that powers trains.

In past years, such as during a snowfall last January and 2010's Snowmageddon — which brought record-level snowfall to the area — buses had their own troubles navigating the streets.

During the blizzard of 2010, many of the system's trains were buried in rail yards and had to be dug out by hand. DANA HEDGPETH

(THE WASHINGTON POST)



A Metro employee measures snow after a storm Jan. 27 at the Forest Glen station.

Preparation for Precipitation

For snowfall up to 2 inches, normal service is expected on Metrobus and Metrorail as long as road and traffic conditions permit. For the rest:

- **2 to 4 inches of snow:** Buses on heavily traveled routes will run approximately every 15 minutes. Detours will be in place on many routes in known problem areas, such as places with hills and narrow neighborhood streets. Metrobus will begin to curtail service on routes to outlying suburbs and hilly areas as buses become challenged. Metrorail will increase the wait times between trains, so customers can expect minor delays.
- **4 to 8 inches of snow:** Metrobus will continue to scale back service. Buses will operate approximately every 30 minutes on heavily traveled routes as conditions permit. Metrorail will continue to operate; however, customers may expect 15-minute delays. Trains with snowplows and ice scrapers attached will operate between trains carrying passengers.
- **More than 8 inches of snow:** Metrobus will provide limited service. Buses will operate only on the busiest routes on main roads and only as conditions permit. Metrorail will provide underground rail service and limited above-ground service. As conditions worsen, Metrorail will operate underground only.



Time to Pay Up: Sunday is the last chance for drivers to take advantage of a free ride on a new toll road linking Maryland's Montgomery and Prince George's counties. A new section of the Intercounty Connector opened Nov. 22 and runs from Georgia Avenue to just east of Interstate-95. The first seven miles of the \$2.55 billion roadway opened in February. Tolls will be enforced beginning Monday. (AP)



Jatavion Johnson listens to a story his mother, Miracle Johnson, 21, reads to him at the Covenant House youth shelter Dec. 1.

Homeless Youth on Rise

Study: Nearly 500 parents under 24 in D.C. seeking shelter

Washington

Throughout the sleepless night she spent in her car in September, Miracle Johnson, 21, prayed for patience, protection and a miracle.

“When I feel so bad, I just look at my name, and most of the time that helps me,” she said.

For nearly six months, Johnson, the mother of a 5-year-old son, said she daily called the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center, dreading the response she heard too many times from the District’s central office for families seeking emergency shelter: “We don’t have any spaces.”

According to a study of homeless youths in the District that will be released Monday by the D.C. Alliance of Youth Advocates, a growing

number of parents younger than 24 are seeking shelter. The group surveyed nearly 500 people ages 12 to 24 who were living in emergency shelters, on the street or in other unstable housing arrangements. About half had children — and most had custody of them.

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The number of apartments that D.C. has added for young families this year, according to the D.C. Alliance of Youth Advocates. (TWP)

Most of the respondents were driven from their parents’ households for economic reasons, said Daniel Brannen, executive director of Covenant House Washington, a youth shelter in Southeast Washington that participated in the study.

About four of every five said they left because of eviction or because their homes had become

too crowded with multiple families in one house.

More youths have been expected to “bring to the table, not just take from it,” said Dan Davis, director of outreach at Sasha Bruce Youthwork in Southeast, which also surveyed young people for the report. If they can’t contribute, youths are sometimes asked to leave, Davis said.

A lack of education, particularly among young parents who haven’t completed high school, have exacerbated the problem, the report says.

Advocates say young people try to avoid being identified as homeless by officials who might place them in the child welfare system.

They also fear that their peers might look down on them. They might dress nicely, Davis said, “but they might be wearing the same outfit all week.” TERESA TOMASSONI (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Ehrlich to Write Second Book

Washington

Maryland’s only Republican governor in a generation is promoting his first book but also at work on a second.

Robert Ehrlich said in an interview last week that he has about 50 pages of his second book written. He says the book will argue for “a new American social contract.”

His first book, “Turn This Car Around: The Roadmap to Restoring America,” is scheduled to be released Tuesday. In it, he stands

by his assessment of multiculturalism as “bunk,” defends his “principled” decision to cut off two Baltimore Sun journalists and shares lessons from the national controversy prompted by his wife’s pronouncement that she would shoot pop star Britney Spears if she could. I

It is being published by BenBella Books, a boutique publisher.

Ehrlich lost a re-election bid last year to Gov. Martin O’Malley. He now works as a lawyer at King & Spalding in Washington. (AP)

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Personal Finance

In the best-case scenarios, gift cards give our loved ones the freedom to buy whatever it is they really want and alleviate the stress on us to try to find the perfect gifts. But that doesn't mean they're always a slam-dunk. Whether you give or receive, here's what you should know.

Be Aware of the Rules

Under the rules that took effect last summer, gift cards can't expire for at least five years. Monthly service and inactivity fees are also banned in the first year and only one such fee a month is allowed after that. But there are other exceptions.

For example, the gift cards many retailers offer either as incentives or rebates with big purchases are exempt.

Check the Terms

The gift cards issued by major retailers are fairly straightforward; you load a set amount onto the card and the recipient generally isn't subject to any fees.

The terms become more complicated with bank-issued gift cards, which bear an American Express,

MasterCard or Visa logo. The upside of these cards is that they provide more flexibility, but they're also more likely to come with fees.

American Express, Chase and Wells Fargo gift cards, for example, charge purchase fees of about \$3 to \$7. That's on top of the money you want to add to the card.

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The amount of money in gift cards expected to go unused this year, according to the consulting firm TowerGroup. (AP)

And the fine print may contain other details that may sway your decision about which card to buy. Chase, for example, eliminated its \$12 fee to replace lost or stolen cards, but Wells Fargo still charges \$7.50 for the service.

Lost Value

Unlike debit and credit cards, consumers aren't given any guaranteed legal protections if a gift card is lost or stolen.

If it's an option, immediately register any gift cards online you receive whether they're from a store or a bank. Purchasing e-gift cards can greatly reduce the chances for loss or theft, because the code for the gift card is sent in an email to the recipient. CANDICE CHOI (AP)



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Protesters on Sunday sit atop a wooden structure constructed by the Occupy D.C. movement at their encampment at McPherson Square.

Defiant and Resolute

Occupy D.C. demonstrators cling Sunday to the framework of a newly erected structure at McPherson Square and refuse to move after police surrounded it shortly after 10 a.m. and gave protesters an ultimatum: Take it down, or we will. Others sat inside the unfinished building and waited for police to remove them. Police appeared to be focused on the building itself and were not trying to remove the small tent city that has occupied the square for weeks. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Structure Standoff

Construction by Occupy protesters stokes scuffles with police in D.C.

Washington

The Occupy D.C. campaign, largely peaceful and cooperative since its launch two months ago, turned confrontational Sunday when police detained about two dozen protesters during a tense daylong standoff in McPherson Square. It marked the first-ever arrests at the group's base camp in Washington, and it resembled clashes between police and Occupy protesters in other cities across the country.

The day began with a seemingly minor dispute over a 15-foot-tall plywood shelter that protesters put up Saturday night in the

park's southwest corner. But it soon escalated into a noisy downtown disruption — and a psychological turning point in the protests — after a group of demonstrators defied orders by the U.S. Park Police to dismantle and abandon the half-built shed.

During the day, police reportedly arrested more than 12 demonstrators who had crossed their security cordon or confronted them angrily. Shortly after nightfall, police moved in and detained another 15 people who had remained inside the open shed all day. Witnesses said there were still five people clinging to



Police detain an Occupy D.C. protester in McPherson Square during confrontations in D.C. on Sunday afternoon.

roof rafters in the dark, refusing to come down.

Police officials at the scene would not comment on the arrests, and a spokesman for the Park Police did not return calls seeking com-

Meanwhile ...

Minor Run-Ins

About a dozen Occupy Portland protesters on Sunday held onto a piece of a park in downtown Portland, Ore., after a tense night that saw 19 arrests after demonstrators defied an order to leave the park. Elsewhere, police arrested four Occupy Nashville protesters and briefly detained a journalist trying to cover their activities. The protesters in Tennessee were cited for disorderly conduct because police said they refused to leave the middle of the road and protest on the sidewalk, according to the Tennessean. (AP)

ment. It could not be determined what charges those who were arrested might face, and the numbers of arrests could not be confirmed. There were no reports of injuries.

Until Sunday, there had been only a few scattered arrests in connection with Occupy D.C., and none at McPherson Square. The movement set up shop about two months ago, taking over a public park in the center of downtown D.C. amid a national and worldwide protest that has landed in most major U.S. cities. The protest has drawn much interest but little controversy during its stay.

The impromptu building, however, changed things.

Police initially gave protesters a mid-morning deadline to take

“A big part of the movement is challenging the status quo. It’s not going to be quiet.”

— ANGELICA GATEWOOD, 20, A STUDENT WHO JOINED THE OCCUPY D.C. PROTEST ENCAMPMENT OVER THE WEEKEND.

down the structure, which Occupy D.C. organizers said was built to hold meetings and to keep campers warm in the coming winter months. Police relented and allowed about 20 people to remain inside, but they surrounded the site with a cordon of more than 50 Park Police officers.

For hours, protesters climbed up onto the shed's rafters and milled on the ground beneath, shouting slogans about justice and equality while police watched in silence. Periodically, shoving or shouting matches erupted along the security perimeter.

“Our message today is that the public space in America belongs to the people,” said Rob Wohl, 23, a protester from Arizona who remained inside the shelter hours after Park Police officials ordered the occupants to leave or risk arrest.

PAMELA CONSTABLE AND FREDRICK KUNCKLE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Sports



Left: Jets running back Shonn Greene runs for his third touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter. Right: The Jets' Aaron Maybin sacks Redskins quarterback Rex Grossman, forcing a fumble in the fourth quarter.

Jets Run Away With One

Redskins can't hang onto lead, crumble late in loss at home


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The Washington Redskins couldn't find a way to carry last week's strong showing into a second straight game and fumbled away a 34-19 loss to the New York Jets at FedEx Field Sunday.

The Redskins teased the mostly burgundy-clad crowd of 74,121 by opening the game with an authoritative drive and holding a lead until

late in the fourth quarter.

But then came a colossal collapse that saw Washington give up 21 points in a span of just more than three minutes and fall to 4-8, after suffering their most lopsided loss at FedEx Field this year.

As Jets running back Shonn Green ripped off a 25-yard touchdown run with one minute, 59 seconds left on the clock, a couple thousand Jets fans, who outlasted their Redskins counterparts, let out a "Jets, Jets, Jets!" chant as their team improved to 7-5 on the year.

Until roughly nine minutes remained in the game, the Redskins had held the Jets in check and kept the lead behind strong performances by rookie running back Roy Helu (23 carries, 100 yards, one touchdown), tight end Fred Davis (six

catches for 99 yards) and four field goals from Graham Gano (his first perfect day in four games).

After Gano drilled a 46-yard field goal, the kicker — usually known for his strong leg on kick-offs — tapped a kick that traveled only to the Jets 20-yard line.

Upback Josh Baker fielded the short kick and returned it 29 yards to the Jets' 49-yard line. Washington forced New York into third-and-4 but allowed Mark Sanchez — who had struggled to that point — to complete a 10-yard pass over the middle to running back Shonn Green.

Two plays later, Sanchez, whose longest completion until then had gone for 18 yards, connected with receiver Antonio Holmes for a 30-yard touchdown pass to give the Jets their first lead of the game.

Discipline Problem



A person with knowledge of the situation tells The Associated Press that Washington Redskins left tackle Trent Williams and tight end Fred Davis are expected to be suspended by the NFL for the rest of the season for violating the league's substance abuse policy. The person spoke Sunday on condition of anonymity because no official announcement had been made, Si.com first reported Sunday that Davis and Williams would be punished. The website also said the players hadn't received written notice from the league about their suspensions, so were able to play Sunday. (AP)

Two plays later, Sanchez, whose longest completion until then had gone for 18 yards, connected with receiver Antonio Holmes for a 30-yard touchdown pass to give the Jets their first lead of the game.

And with that, the wheels came off for Washington.

Down 20-16 with 4:33 left in the game, Grossman couldn't find an open receiver. As he looked downfield, he was drilled by New York linebacker Aaron Maybin and fumbled the ball. The Jets recovered at the 9-yard line, and on second-and-goal from there, Greene took a direct snap and scampered into the end zone. Nick Folk's kick split the uprights, and the Jets took a 27-16 lead.

The Redskins tacked on another Gano field goal but failed to recover an onside kick, and on the Jets' first play from scrimmage, Greene went 25 yards for his third touchdown of the game. MIKE JONES (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Sunday's Stars

Roy Helu registered his first career 100-yard day and scored on 23 carries.



Shonn Green was a horse for the Jets, carrying the ball 22 times for 88 yards and three touchdowns.



Sunday Recap

Top Dogs



Chris Johnson, RB, Titans

Johnson rushed for 153 yards and two TDs to lead the Titans to a 23-17 win over the Bills on Sunday. Johnson had 190 yards rushing last weekend.

Percy Harvin, WR, Vikings

Harvin had eight catches for 156 yards and a touchdown in a 35-32 loss to the Broncos Sunday.

Scoreboard

Panthers 38, Buccaneers 19

Steelers 35, Bengals 7

Patriots 31, Colts 24

Broncos 35, Vikings 32

Dolphins 34, Raiders 14

Texans 17, Falcons 10

Chiefs 10, Bears 3

Titans 23, Bills 17

Ravens, Browns (late)

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Packers, Giants (late)

49ers, Rams (late)

Seahawks 31, Eagles 14 (Thu.)

Late game results: washingtonpost.com

13

The number of rushing touchdowns that Panthers QB Cam Newton has this season, an NFL record for quarterbacks in one season.

Injuries

Matt Forte, Bears:

The RB sprained his right knee in the first quarter against the Chiefs Sunday.



A. Johnson, Texans:

The WR injured his hamstring in the third quarter against the Falcons.



VCU's Rob Brandenburg, left, drives past GWU's Jabari Edwards at Verizon Center.

Late GWU Run Not Enough to Top VCU

Colonials fall 75-60 to Rams in BB&T Classic tournament

College Basketball

Bradford Burgess scored 24 points, and Virginia Commonwealth weathered a second-half comeback bid by George Washington in a 75-60 victory Sunday.

The Rams (5-3) let a 19-point lead dwindle to 62-56 with five minutes left before Darius Theus made a 3-pointer and a three-point play to put VCU up 68-58 with 3:56 to go.

Rob Brandenburg had 12 points, and Theus and Briante Weber added 10 each for VCU, which made nine of its season-high 12 3-pointers in the first half.

It was the fourth win in five games for the Rams, who reached

the Final Four last season.

Nemanja Mikic led George Washington (4-3) with 15 points, and Tony Taylor had 14. The Colonials outscored VCU 34-32 after halftime, but that wasn't enough to make up for a first half in which they missed 16 of 27 shots and committed 10 turnovers.

The game was part of the BB&T Classic, a one-day tournament at Verizon Center. Maryland beat Notre Dame 78-71 in the other game.

VCU used a 13-2 run in the first half to pull out of a tie and take the lead for good.

Troy Daniels sandwiched a pair of 3-pointers around two foul shots by Burgess to make it 24-16, and after David Pellom scored for George Washington, Daniels connected again from long range before D.J. Haley made a layup for a 29-18 advantage. (AP)

TV Lineup

CAPITALS (7:30 P.M., CSN)

The Caps look to get their second win under Dale Hunter's leadership in a road matchup against the Panthers.

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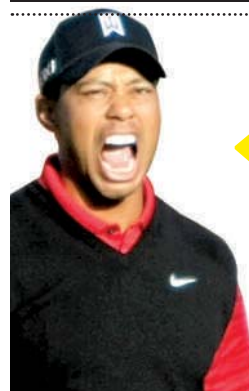
COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN2)

St. John's looks to move above .500 when it hits the road to play the University of Detroit.

SOCCER (2:55 P.M., ESPN2)

Fulham hosts Liverpool at Craven Cottage in the English Premier League.

Weekend Rewind



- Virginia Tech falls 38-10 to Clemson in the ACC championship game Saturday.

Tiger Woods wins the Chevron World Challenge, his first victory in two years.

- Longtime D.C. United midfielder Santino Quaranta is set to retire at age 27.

- Rafael Nadal lifts Spain to its fifth Davis Cup win over Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro.

- Stanford tops Duke to give the Cardinal its first NCAA women's soccer title.

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Sound Bets



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But the first concert I ever attended was documented, and parts of it were released as a live album: The J. Geils Band's "Showtime!" was pieced together from the blues-rock party band's six-night run in September 1982 at the Pine Knob Music Theatre, a huge outdoor venue near Detroit. "Showtime!" was a dud — an LP so sloppily put together that side one ended with the intro to "Love Stinks" and you had to flip the record to hear the actual song. But I still love owning a document of my first show. Now thousands of Fugazi fans will get to feel the same way.

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Read Christopher's previous columns at: expressnightout.com/soundbets

Lonely at the Top

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A Luxury Tax? How Rude.

You probably already like Monopoly. It allows you to raise rents on the little people, buy up all the railroads and get out of jail free, which are three of the four favorite rich-people pastimes. (The other is unicorn polo.) **Geoffrey Parker's Monopoly set** (Zontikgames.com) has calfskin sides, and board inlays embossed with silver and gold. You can order it with pewter pieces (\$4,290), but Ayn Rand would want you to buy the sterling silver pieces (\$7,390) or silver gilt pieces (\$7,570).



iTaser App Not Far Behind

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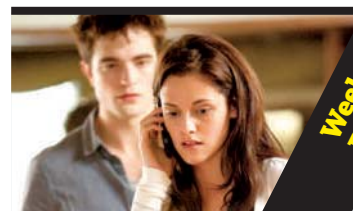
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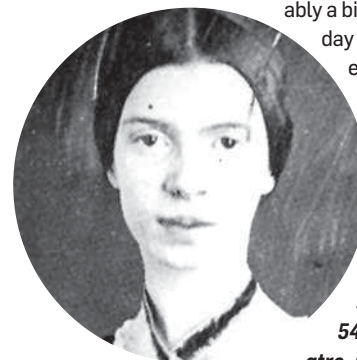
You can tell Danielle Evans is good because the short-story author has defeated the other Danielle Evans, who won "America's Next Top Model," as the top Google hit for the name. Evans' short-story collection, "Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self," is full of funny, raw tales about race and living in a supposedly biracial America. Evans is only 26, so her grasp of the mind of young adults is no surprise. **Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St. NW; 6:30 p.m., free; 202-387-7638, Busboysandpoets.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

2 Punk Doc

Punk band the Max Levine Ensemble has transformed (probably at least partly because Max Levine is no longer with the band) into a trio featuring Ben Epstein, and it'll be playing at the release of a mysterious 30-minute documentary — which is about Epstein. "Maximum Summer" emphasizes Epstein's project of writing a song every day to tell the story of how bands grow and change. **Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 8 p.m., \$8; 202-667-7960, Blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

3 She's Emily. Who Are You?

Each year, the Folger holds a birthday party for Emily Dickinson, and each year it's probably a bigger fete than any birthday party Emily Dickinson ever actually had in her life. They'll serve cake from Dickinson's recipe, and poet Aracelis Girmay will read some of her own poems and some of Dickinson's. **Folger Theatre, 201 East Capitol St. SE; 7:30 p.m., \$15; 202-544-7077, Folger.edu/theatre. (Capitol South)**

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Celebs Get 'Mortified'

A trip down memory lane provides new talk show material

Television

SUNDANCE 8:00 I'm always interested in seeing some new wrinkle in the talk show format. "The Mortified Sessions" provides just that. Host David Nadelberg made a name for himself in the late 1990s by publicly reading a pathetic, unsent love letter from his adolescent years. He invited others to reveal similar squirm-inducing artifacts. The result was "Mortified," a long-running stage performance that was painful and funny, narcissistic and communal.

"Sessions" does the same thing, but with celebrities. Over the course of the first two shows, Nadelberg invites Ed Helms ("The Hangover"), Mo'Nique ("Precious") and Eric Stonestreet ("Modern Family") to discuss their secrets.



Eric Stonestreet, playing "Fizbo" on "Modern Family," recalls his father's support in "The Mortified Sessions."

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Mo'Nique discusses her weight issues and the incredible self-assurance that allowed her to open a comedy club in her early 20s. Affecting the emotional reticence of Andy Bernard (of "The Office"), Helms admits he got his biggest break when he stopped being called "Edward."

Stonestreet makes the most of the confessional format. He praises his parents for never holding him back and for never making him feel that his dream to become a professional clown was the least bit unusual. Stonestreet's talent and clown name, "Fizbo" (provided by his father), have been incorporated into the scripts of "Modern Family."

In some ways, "Sessions" is just another excuse for celebrities to talk about themselves. But it's blissfully free of showbiz and the need to plug the next book, movie or CD.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Best Bets

NBC 8:00

The Sing-Off The season just ended, but the melodies linger. In this new "Holiday Special" edition, winning groups from all three seasons, a compilation of lead singers from Season 3, a collegiate ensemble and other special guests perform holiday and inspirational songs.

ABC 8:30



Prep & Landing: Naughty vs. Nice

The adventures of Christmas elves Lanny and Wayne continue with this new special. Wayne and Lanny must race to recover North Pole technology that has fallen into the hands of a Naughty Kid.

CW 9:00

Hart of Dixie Zoe coaches Rose for a local beauty pageant that Lemon's sister is the favorite to win. George and Wade go in search of a Christmas tree for the town square.

DSC 9:00

American Chopper It's a two-night battle royale as the Teutuls put their family differences behind them when Jesse James comes to town. Viewers will vote on their favorite bike tonight, then watch Tuesday as the winner is crowned. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



Puzzles



Cuff-Linked

Castle and Beckett (Nathan Fillion, above, and Stana Katic) wake up in bed together on "Castle" (10 p.m., ABC). While that's sinking in, we'll let you know they're also handcuffed together, they're in a locked room and have no idea where they are or how they got there. As they try to figure it out, Ryan, Esposito and Gates (Seamus Dever, Jon Huertas and Penny Johnson Jerald) are on the outside trying to locate them. (TM)

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Lerone Allen, Murray Carson

Lerone, 27, is a workplace consultant. Murray, 29, is a mechanical engineer. They live in Laurel, Md.

THE MAIN EVENT: They will tie the knot Dec. 11 at Lerone's hometown Seventh-day Adventist church in Longwood, Fla.

HOW THEY MET: At church. "I learned her name was Lerone and asked for the spelling to be sure I would remember the next time I saw her, and I hoped and prayed there'd be a next time."

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: "He looked so young I thought he was in high



school!"

FIRST DATE: P.F. Chang's. "I forgot to mention an item I wanted for an appetizer, and Murray sprinted after the waiter to let him know what I wanted. I thought that was sweet."

HOW HE PROPOSED: Over Skype. She was visiting her family in Florida for the holidays, and he was in Maryland, but he wanted her to be with her family when he proposed. She recorded herself saying yes and emailed him the next morning.

PET NAMES: "Leronet" and "Leroni-quet" for her; "Murrinet" for him.

WHEN SHE KNEW: "When he didn't run for the hills when I introduced him to my classical techno music collection."



HYON SMITH

Sarah Burns, Adam Williams

Sarah, 27, is a strategic planner. Adam, 25, is an aviation mechanic in the Navy. They live in Annapolis.

THE MAIN EVENT: They wed Oct. 15 in Alexandria. Sarah's father, who has had Parkinson's disease for 19 years, walked her down the aisle; instead of favors, the couple and their guests donated more than \$1,000 to Parkinson's research.

HOW THEY MET: He was singing Sublime's "Santeria" at Rock It Grill, a karaoke bar in Old Town. Sarah couldn't take her eyes off him. Adam noticed her from the stage and introduced himself after he finished his song.

HOW HE PROPOSED: To celebrate their one-year anniversary, they dined at Gadsby's Tavern. After the meal, he asked her to walk with him down to the waterfront. While admiring the view of the Capitol across the water, Williams got down on bended knee and slipped a ring on her finger. JANET BENNETT KELLY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Jay Grumet, Tracie O'Bryon

Jay, 25, works in retail. Tracie, 24, is a graduate student. They live in Alexandria.

THE MAIN EVENT: They wished upon a star and kept on believing, and now they're getting married at Walt Disney World on Jan. 6.

HOW THEY MET: In middle school. They were high school sweethearts.

FIRST DATE: They went with a group to see "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," then ditched the friends for dinner. Then three of the guys walked in with a video camera and filmed the whole thing. "Too bad we have no clue where that tape is now," Jay says, "because it's one of our best stories."

FIRST KISS: On the bus ride home from a band competition. She was aiming for his cheek but got his lips — his first kiss ever. "We began mak-



ing out ... next thing I know, his friends are shouting, 'Go Jay!' on the bus. Oh, man."

HOW HE PROPOSED: At her surprise 22nd birthday party. "I was suspicious when leaving the house because my mom was tearing up and wouldn't say what was wrong."

OUR SONG: Jason Mraz's "Lucky." "As the song says, I am truly lucky I'm in love with my best friend," Jay says.

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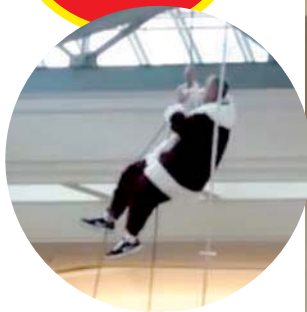
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“He has some complications with the rope and his beard, and faces the dilemma of whether or not to sacrifice his own personal safety so as not to shatter the Santa Claus illusion for the large group of kids watching him. ...

Related question: Why is Santa rappelling down a rope? Is that a thing Santa does? Well, apparently not.”

—**BESTWEEKEVER.TV** was confused by video of a mall Santa at Palm Beach Gardens Mall in Florida in which he removes his fake beard while rappelling down a wall during a promotional stunt.

“For a sketch that could have been very cringe-inducing, I have to give ‘SNL’ credit for pulling off the tough feat of having a bit based off of the ongoing sex abuse scandals. It turned out to be both funny and not entirely insensitive to a very sensitive subject.”

—**POPWATCH.EW.COM** was impressed with “Saturday Night Live,” which aired a sketch that featured host Steve Buscemi, who “played a rightly appalled fictional basketball coach who is called out as a ‘potential sexual predator,’ despite having no evidence to support the theory that he’s a pedophile aside from having a creepy mustache and being anti-social.”

“I love it when rich people manage to convince themselves that they managed to climb to greatness all by themselves. Of course it doesn’t have anything to do with a booby-trapped playing field that rewards the wealthy with even more wealth.”

—**SLOG.THESTRANGER.COM** reacts to a clip from comic Adam Carolla’s podcast rant against the Occupy movement in October that recently went viral. In it, Carolla said, “We are now dealing with the first wave of participation-trophy, my-own-fecal-matter-doesn’t-stink, empowered ... everybody’s-a-winner, there-are-no-losers — we are dealing with the first wave of those [expletives].”

“The fact that the dim-witted and near-sighted MPAA has slapped an NC-17 rating on Steve McQueen’s ‘Shame’ implies that there is something prurient about this film, whose central figure is a sex addict, struggling with his demons. But as intense and involving as this film is, the last thing it is would be sexy. Yes, there’s nudity. Yes, there are scenes of people copulating energetically. But sexy? Hardly.”

—**HUFFINGTONPOST.COM’S MARSHALL FINE** thinks that “Shame,” which debuted nationally Friday, did not deserve such a severe rating.

“Go ahead. Give Andrew Luck the Heisman [Trophy]. Honey Badger don’t care. He just takes it. Tyrann Mathieu is the baddest man on ... any collegiate field.”

—**THEBIGLEAD.COM** thinks LSU’s Tyrann Mathieu, who returned a punt for a touchdown in Saturday’s SEC Championship game against Georgia, is the best football player in the NCAA.

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Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may find yourself running late at some point during the day — and try as you might, you'll find no one to blame but yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll have more support than expected — and some people may actually step up and give you hands-on assistance when you most need it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Records may point to a different truth than you had anticipated; you may want to investigate further, to find the cause.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Once you tend to certain business you'll be able to forget it — very likely forever. It's not something that should stay with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You don't want to be premature in your assessment of a difficult situation — or of the people you think are its cause. Remain open.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll be more interested in what lies ahead of you than usual today — perhaps because a message received early piques your curiosity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Are you ready and willing to make adjustments as they become necessary? The more flexible you are, the more successful you can be.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A disagreement must not be allowed to fester. Do what you can to put this difference of opinion behind you quickly and permanently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What you interpret as a threat is not really that serious — perhaps it's just a friendly warning. In any event, you should consider it seriously.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It will be up to you to draw the line when it comes to the behavior of those under your charge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Are you putting yourself at risk merely because you are bored? Take care that you're not sacrificing the significant for the trivial.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may be tired of doing things the same old way — but these are methods you've developed carefully and that remain effective.

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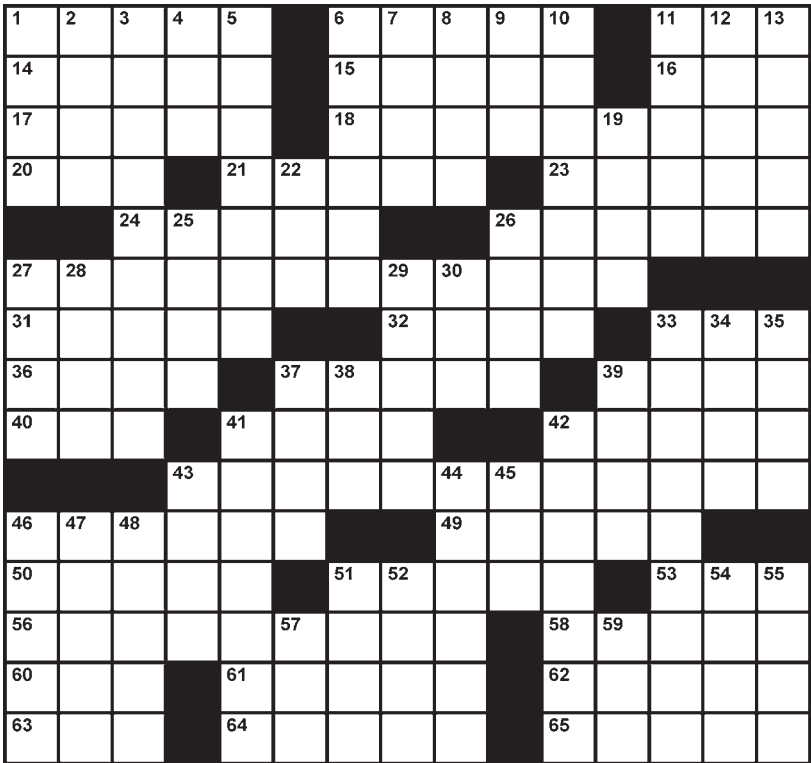
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ACROSS

- 1 Fiber-___ cable
- 6 Fairy-tale figure
- 11 Tub-safety item
- 14 Sao ___, Brazil
- 15 Golden calf crafter
- 16 ___ Lilly and Company
- 17 "Captain Blood" star Flynn
- 18 It brings bad luck?
- 20 One of the Bobbsey twins
- 21 Sneaker ties
- 23 Related to the kidneys
- 24 Opposite of comedy
- 26 Get hot under the collar
- 27 It brings good luck?
- 31 Hole for an anchor cable
- 32 Defeat resoundingly
- 33 Trendy
- 36 Bone in the arm
- 37 Attach with a string
- 39 Undeserving of a padded cell
- 40 Negative responses
- 41 Biting comment
- 42 "___ minute, Mr. Postman..."
- 43 It brings bad luck?
- 46 Type of fruit that's high in vitamin C
- 49 Like charged particles
- 50 Hunter with a long belt
- 51 ___ up (confessed)
- 53 Make up one's mind
- 56 It brings good luck?
- 58 Home under the midnight sun
- 60 Small digit
- 61 Opposite of "tis"
- 62 Loop at the end of a rope
- 63 Tilde's shape, loosely
- 64 Like bars in old films
- 65 Injured in the bullring

DOWN

- 1 Sign on a store's door
- 2 Beginning for "legal"
- 3 Rejections
- 4 UN body dealing with workers' rights



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- 5 Assemble for binding
- 6 Mower owner's buy
- 7 What a scarf covers
- 8 "... ___ it Memorex?"
- 9 Gretchen of "Finding Graceland"
- 10 Pray
- 11 Should have said
- 12 Deity of Islam
- 13 Book spine info
- 19 Oracle
- 22 "___ making myself clear?"
- 25 Civil rights pioneer Parks
- 26 Blow out of the water
- 27 Steer clear of
- 28 Angel's topper
- 29 Aquatic bird similar to a loon

- 30 Michigan's ___ Locks
- 33 Ash blond, e.g.
- 34 Enthralled by
- 35 Lute-shaped fruit
- 37 New Mexico artists' colony
- 38 Annoy
- 39 Dress along the Ganges
- 41 Blonds' counterparts (var.)
- 42 Twisty, as a road
- 43 Sis' counterparts
- 44 A ripe old age
- 45 Curly's smacker
- 46 Small Pacific salmon
- 47 Golf clubs
- 48 Foursome for a Ford
- 51 Akron's home
- 52 Bookworm, in slang

- 54 What people often do for pictures
- 55 Word with "steel" or "pigeon"
- 57 America's Uncle
- 59 Baby's word

Friday's Solution



Today in History

1776 The first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, is organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

1933 National Prohibition comes to an end as Utah becomes the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment, repealing the 18th Amendment.

2006 New York becomes the first U.S. city to ban trans fats.

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COMEDY GOLD

Airplane Food Is So Gross It's Funny! People Should Make Jokes About It More!

Beyoncé denied rumors surrounding her pregnancy cravings on Friday's "20/20." "I read that I like ketchup on everything ... not true," she told Katie Couric. "I was on a plane and the flight attendant came and was, like, 'I have your hot sauce and pickles and bananas.' I'm, like, 'That is disgusting! What are you doing?' And he's, like, 'I read it on the Internet!'" (EXPRESS)

INGREDIENTS

Also, It Is NOT 'Made From Real Kardashians!'

The Kardashian family plans to challenge a trademark petition filed by one Susan Ehrlich for the name KardashiansLash. TMZ.com reports. The product, writes TMZ, is "a kind of eyelash-growing make-up thing." Ehrlich says she wants to sell the product so she can send Honduran orphans to cosmetology school. (EXPRESS)



Sheenic Route



Brooke Buckles Down, Vows to Earn Own Fame

Brooke Mueller was arrested in Aspen, Colo., for felony cocaine possession with the intention to distribute on Saturday, Usmagazine.com reported. She was also charged with misdemeanor third-degree assault. Mueller is Charlie Sheen's most recent ex-wife and the mother of their twin sons, Bob and Max. (EXPRESS)

LOGIC

Well, If Tara Reid Did It ...

Lindsay Lohan may soon join "Celebrity Big Brother," which airs on Britain's Channel 5 — if she's allowed to leave the U.S. An insider tells the Daily Mail that producers hope the courts "will make a special allowance in this case. There aren't many more controlled environments than the Big Brother house." Tara Reid is a former cast member of the show. (EXPRESS)



SELF-ESTEEM

'Eager to Please'????

"America's Next Top Model" winner Whitney Thompson has launched Thebigandthebeautiful.com, a matchmaking site for plus-sized women and the men who want to date them, Radaronline.com reported. "The women enjoy meeting men who appreciate them, while the men enjoy being with young, fun women who really know how to satisfy them and are eager to please," Thompson told Radar. (EXPRESS)

"I'm Shocked Kourtney Kardashian is pregnant again, Did she not learn anything from TEEN MOM?"



— "TEEN MOM'S" FARRAH ABRAHAM TWEETS HER DISAPPROVAL OF KOURTNEY KARDASHIAN'S SECOND PREGNANCY. SHE ALSO ALLEGED IT'S FAKE.

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